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Mr. Martin Hargrave
Hilcorp Energy
1201 Louisiana Street, Suite 1400
Houston, Texas 77002

RE: Clean Water Act, Section 308 Information Request
Oil Spill in Chauvin Parish, LA on or about October 31, 2013
NRC Report No: 1064522

Dear Mr. Hargrave:

Pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. Section 1318 et seq., the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the authority to request information pertinent to carrying out its responsibilities under the CWA. Accordingly, this Information Request is hereby served on you and Hilcorp Energy.

Compliance with the provisions of this letter is mandatory. Your responses to the questions are to be submitted to EPA and postmarked within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. The response must be signed by a duly authorized official of Hilcorp Energy. The information will be considered in the evaluation of the extent of your compliance with the federal regulations governing the discharge, or threat of discharge, of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into navigable waters of the United States.

Failure to respond fully and truthfully to the Information Request, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, will be considered a violation of Section 309 of the CWA, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, which can result in enforcement action by EPA. Section 309 of the CWA permits EPA to seek the imposition of civil and criminal penalties for failure to submit information requested under Section 308 of the CWA, including issuance of an Administrative Penalty Order or referral to the United States Department of Justice for judicial action with monetary fines. Please be further advised that providing false, misleading, or fraudulent statements or representations, may subject you to criminal penalties under Section 309 of the CWA.

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This Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, of 1980, as amended, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501, et. seq., as described in 5 CFR Part 1320.3(c).

You are hereby requested to provide the following information regarding the oil spill, which occurred on or about October 31, 2013, in Chauvin Parish, LA:

1. A report regarding the spill of diesel into a water body, which occurred on or about October 31, 2013. (If the name of the water body is not available, use the best description available.)
2. The amount of product spilled (in either barrels or gallons). For releases of mixtures, include the total volume and either volumes or relative percentages of each component. If any reported value is an estimate, describe the method used to develop the estimate.
3. Duration of the spill event. Report the time and date the spill began, how long the product remained in the watercourse, as well as on the shoreline or banks and when the cleanup operations were considered complete and all product removed from waters of the United States and adjoining shoreline.
4. The cause of the spill.
5. Name of the immediate receiving ditch, creek, stream, river, lake, arroyo, swale, etc. if known.
 - A. Also include the names of all downstream receiving waters that the spill affected.
 - B. Additionally, list all downstream receiving water bodies to the first major river or lake, regardless of whether or not the spill affected the water bodies.
6. Site location map.
7. Drawing of the site showing locations of the facilities.
8. Sketch of the spill site showing extent of the spill.
9. Photographs of the spill and the spill site both before and after cleanup.
10. Documentation of any penalties assessed by local, state or federal agencies.
11. State the owner and operator of the equipment or facility from which the spill originated.

In some instances, information requested by EPA may be considered confidential business information (CBI) by the provider of that information. Should any of the information requested by EPA as part of this request for information be considered CBI material by Hilcorp Energy, you must assert that claim as part of your reply. The final determination regarding this material will be made by EPA per the regulations found in 40 CFR Part 2.204.

Please mail your response to the following address:

Ms. Jamie Bradsher
Superfund Division (6SF-PC)
U. S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

If you have any questions relating to this Information Request, please contact Ms. Jamie Bradsher at (214) 665-7111.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald D. Crossland
Associate Director
Prevention and Response Branch
Superfund Division

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**Hilcorp Energy
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